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(*b*) The elections could not be held owing to lack of funds.

(*c*) & (*d*) The Committees in the district are not functioning at present.

(*e*) & (*f*) It is not possible to state now when the Committees will be reconstituted and what their respective territorial jurisdiction will be.

Temple Committees in the Coimbatore district.

* 623 *Q*.—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether temple committees have been constituted in the Coimbatore district;

(*b*) if so, how many committees there are and how and when they have been constituted;

(*c*) whether it is by election or by nomination;

(*d*) if it is not by election, why such system was not introduced yet in that district;

(*e*) whether the committees are simply advisory or whether they have got executive powers; and

(*f*) if no committees are functioning now, what it is due to?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*c*) Two committees were constituted for the district by nomination in 1928. Their term expired in 1931.

(*d*) & (*f*) Of the two committees in the district, the Coimbatore Circle Committee has not sufficient funds to meet the cost of election. A proposal to constitute a single committee for the whole district is under consideration.

(*e*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the provisions of the Madras Hindu Religious Endowments Act, especially those in Chapters III and V.

Delay in the conduct of elections to the temple committees in the Trichinopoly district.

* 624 *Q*.—Mr. K. SINGAM AYYANGAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware that election arrangements are delayed in the constitution of the temple committees in the Trichinopoly district where the necessary amount has been already placed at the disposal of the Board from the committee funds for the conduct of the elections; and

(*b*) if so, whether the Government will be pleased to call for a report from the Hindu Religious Endowments Board regarding this?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) A report has been called for from the Hindu Religious Endowments Board on the subject.